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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC

Docket No. CP18-12-000

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Take notice that on October 31, 2017, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC (Natural), 3250 Lacey Road, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515-7918, filed in Docket No. CP18-12-000 an application pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authority to abandon Natural's Herscher Northwest Storage Field (HNW Storage Field) located in Kankakee County, Illinois. Natural states that its HNW Storage Field is an aquifer type gas storage field that has been under-performing and is no longer needed by Natural to provide storage services for its customers or to operate its system.

Specifically, Natural proposes to: (i) plug and permanently abandon 19 injection and withdrawal (I/W) wells (and to retain one I/W well as an observation (OBS) well; (ii) abandon in place 16.15 miles of 4-inch-diameter to 16-inch-diameter field laterals, (iii) abandon by removal Compressor Station 202, a 330 horsepower compressor station, located in the HNW Storage Field; and (iv) abandon in place approximately 15.3 Bcf of non-recoverable cushion gas. Additionally, Natural plans to plug and permanently abandon 13 OBS wells (one would be retained for continued observation purposes) and a salt water disposal well. Natural would also remove all auxiliary surface facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Bruce H. Newsome, Vice President, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC, 3250 Lacey Road, Suite 700, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515-7918; by telephone (630) 725-3070; or by e-mail at bruce_newsome@kindermorgan.com.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules (18 CFR 157.9), within 90 days of this Notice, the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of

Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit five copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentators will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentators will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentators will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons

unable to file electronically should submit an original and five copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: November 29, 2017

Dated: November 8, 2017

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.

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